




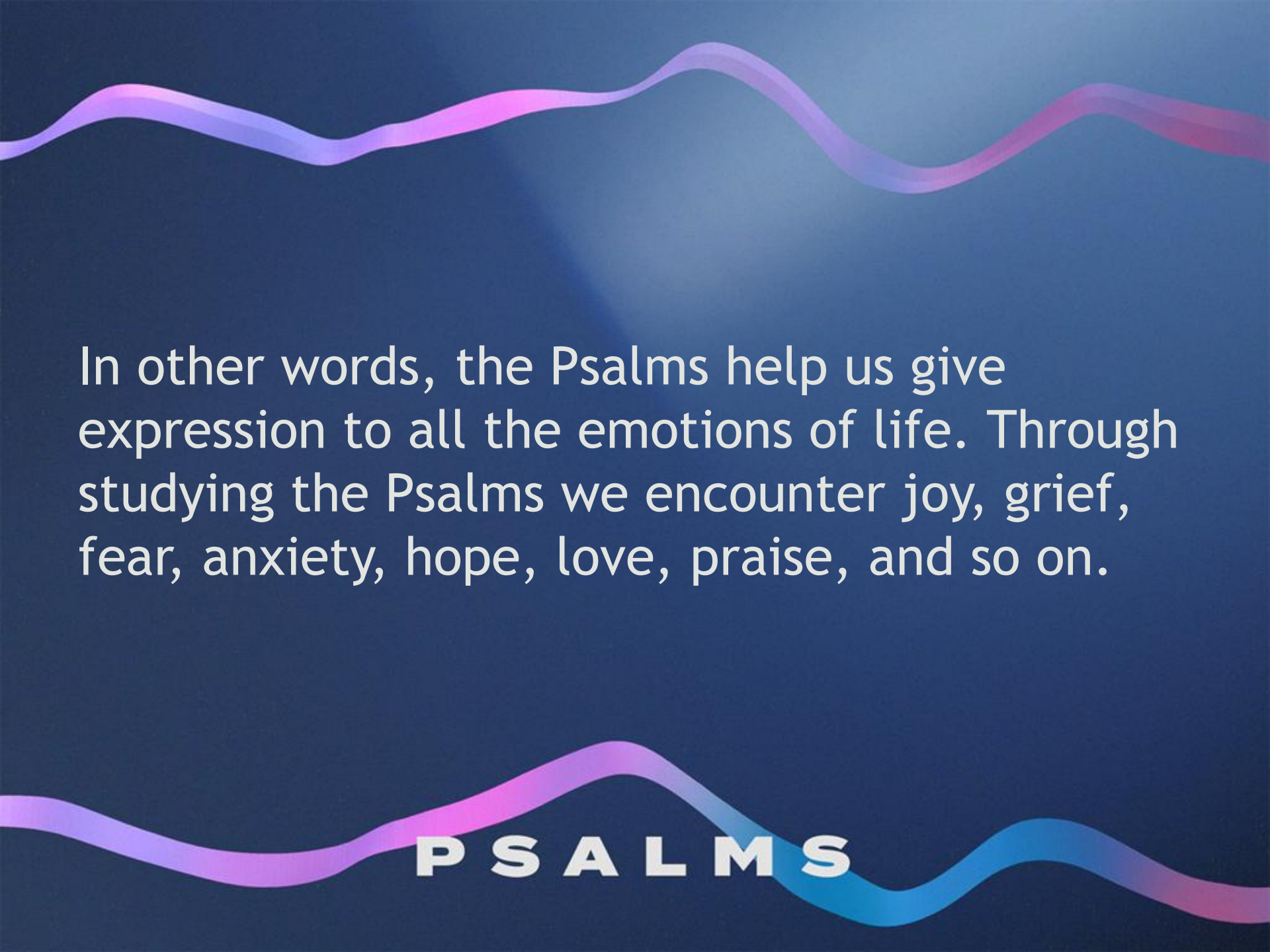
PSALMS



Calvin writes, *"there is not an emotion of which any one can be conscious that is not here represented as in a mirror. The Holy Spirit has here [in the Psalms] drawn to the life all the grief, sorrows, fears, doubts, hopes, cares, perplexities, in short, all the distracting emotions with which the minds of men are wont to be agitated."*



PSALMS



In other words, the Psalms help us give expression to all the emotions of life. Through studying the Psalms we encounter joy, grief, fear, anxiety, hope, love, praise, and so on.

P S A L M S

Authorship

- Orphan Psalms
- David
- Sons of Korah
- Asaph
- Heman
- Ethan
- Solomon
- Moses
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Hezekiah
- Ezra
- 50
- 73
- 11 (42, 44-49, 84-85, 87-88)
- 12 (50, 73-83)
- 1 (88)
- 1 (89)
- 2 (72 and 127)
- 1 (90)
- ?
- ?
- ?
- ? (119)




Written over a period of many centuries.

The oldest psalm in the collection is probably the prayer of Moses (90),

The latest psalm is probably (137), a song of lament clearly written during the days when the Hebrews were being held captive by the Babylonians, from about 586 to 538 B.C.



PSALMS



It is clear that the 150 individual psalms were written by many different people across a period of a thousand years in Israel's history. They must have been compiled and put together in their present form by some unknown editor shortly after the captivity ended about 537 B.C.



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